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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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1. Upon reviewing claim 5, the Examiner determined that the applicants have not clearly invoked 35 U. S. C. 112 sixth paragraph in the "means utilising" limitation of claim 5. See MPEP 2181. If the Applicants intend this to be a means plus function limitation, the Applicants are requested to amend the claim to make it a "means for utilising." This request is not a requirement. If the claim is amended, the Applicants should prepare a response to this requirement in correspondence with the; claims as amended.

REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION

2. Applicant and assignee of this application are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined necessary to the examination of this application:

The Applicants are requested to identify the structure(s) disclosed in the specification and drawings that perform the function of each and every means plus function limitation in the claims. Upon reviewing the application, the Examiner concluded that the correspondence between function and structure was subject to different interpretations. For example, the means for transmitting might be construed at a high level of abstraction as being the scan server (Fig. 1 elem. 130). Alternatively, the means for transmitting could be construed more narrowly as the network access control (Fig. 4 elem. 408). It is unclear what the Applicants intend. Since this information is necessary to determine the patentability of the claims over the prior art, this information is reasonably necessary to properly examine the application.

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The fee and certification requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.105 that are included in the applicants' first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements under 37 C.F.R. 1.197. The applicants are reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 C.F.R. 1.56. Where the applicants do not have or can not readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete response to the requirement for that item. This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of two (2) months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a).

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hieu Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-3897.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Caldwell Andrew, can be reached on (571) 272-3868. The fax phone number is (571)-273-3897.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 273-8300.

Hieu Le

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Caldwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" and last name "Caldwell" clearly distinguishable.

ANDREW CALDWELL
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER